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1. The amendment filed on 7 July 2006 canceling all claims drawn to the elected invention and presenting only claims drawn to a non-elected invention is non-responsive (MPEP § 821.03). The remaining claims are not readable on the elected invention because the limitation of suppressing a light frequency modulation component of the optical signal generated by the electrical-optical converter is a feature of species 6 (see fig. 12) or species 7 (see fig. 16). The applicant had elected species 1 (see fig. 1). Since the above-mentioned amendment appears to be a bona fide attempt to reply, applicant is given a TIME PERIOD of ONE (1) MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS, whichever is longer, from the mailing date of this notice within which to supply the omission or correction in order to avoid abandonment. EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME PERIOD UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a) ARE AVAILABLE.

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